

## Trout Unlimited: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Mark Kemner Washington Department of Ecology 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200 Yakima, WA 98902-3452



Dear Mark,

RE: <u>AMENDMENT</u> to Trust Water Right Application for WRC No. 138366@5(B) and No.138366@5(A)

This letter amends the Trust Water Right applications submitted on July 17<sup>th</sup> for a portion of two water rights used by Edward Alkire & Charlotte Olson-Alkire. The purpose is still a donation to the Trust Water Rights Program (TWRP) to protect the water as an instream flow right for the 2012 irrigation season. However, due the crop type (location listed below), the landowner used more water than anticipated and therefore this letter is requesting an amendment to the acre-feet being placed into trust for this irrigation season (2012) for both applications for WRC No. 138366@5(B) and No.138366@5(A) as described below. All other information on the Trust applications remains the same.

## Location

The water rights are located in Okanogan County adjacent to the Methow River, Washington. The point of diversion is in Section 16, T.35N., R.20 E.W.M. The place of use is within Section 16, T.35N, R.20, E.W.M.

## Description of <u>AMENDMENT</u> to Trust Water Right Certificate No. 138366@5(B) and No.138366@5(A)

The trust water rights for this project is available by using a crop that requires less of a water duty, primarily towards the end if the irrigation season on all 9.2 acres of Certificate 138366@5(A) and all 10.8 acres of Certificate 138366@5(B) within the POU (see attached map). Due to the crop type the landowner used more water than anticipated and therefore is requesting an <u>amendment</u> to the Trust Applications.

Water Right Certificate 138366@5(B) authorizes irrigation of 10.8 acres with 23.9 acre-feet of water. We previously requested that 17 acre-feet be protected in the Trust Water Rights Program as instream flow; however are now amending that number, with a reduction, to 14.5 acre-feet.

Water Right Certificate 138366@5(A) authorizes irrigation of 9.2 acres with 20.4 acre-feet of water. We previously requested that 14.4 acre-feet be protected in the Trust Water Rights

Program as instream flow; however are now amending that number, with a reduction, to 12 acre-feet.

This amended donation will improve flows in the Methow River. Increased use of ground and surface-water supplies in watersheds of Washington State has an impact on river and stream flows throughout the state, and this donation will contribute to improving the flow regime. Since this donation is providing increased habitat for fish we request expedited processing under WAC 173-152-050(3) (a).

Please let me know if you have questions regarding this amendment request or need further information. Please contact me with any correspondence related to this Trust Water Right Application.

Sincerely,

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July 31, 2012

Trout Unlimited Washington Water Project Attn: Jeri Timm 103 Palouse Street, Suite 14 Wenatchee WA 98801-2251

Re: Water Right Change Application Nos. CS4-WRC138366@6(A) and CS4-WRC138366@6(B), Edward Alkire and Charlotte Olson-Alkire

We have received your trust water right applications and have assigned the application numbers shown above. Please use these numbers in future communications with our office.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Mitchell at 509-575-2597.

Sincerely,

Mark Kemner, LHG Section Manager

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cc: Edward Alkire & Charlotte Olson-Alkire

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